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IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claims 1-27 (canceled)

Claim 28 (new): A toner container comprising:

a container body including,

an opening at a first portion,

a filter configured to allow air in the container body to escape from the container body, the filter being disposed in the opening,

a mouth at a second portion, and

a mouthpiece attached to the mouth and including a valve,

wherein the valve is configured to allow a nozzle at a set portion of an image forming apparatus to enter the container body and to discharge toner from the container body when the toner container is positioned at the set portion, and wherein the valve is configured to close the mouth when the toner container is removed from the set portion.

Claim 29 (new): The toner container according to Claim 28, wherein said container body stores toner.